PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhamnus virgata Roxb.

GENUS *Rhamnus* **FAMILY** Rhamnaceae

COMMON NAMES Buckthorn, Indian buckthorn

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are boiled and eaten with salt and oil.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It has many branches. The branches usually end in a sharp thorn. The leaves are almost opposite and 2-10 cm long by 1-6 cm wide. They are narrowly sword shaped. There can be teeth along the edge. The flowers are of one sex and are in the axils of leaves. The flowers are 4-5 mm long. The fruit are oval and 7 mm long. They have 2-4 seeds. The seeds are shiny and have a groove on the back. They are dark brown and 5 mm long by 2 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In China it grows on mountain slopes between 1,200-3,800 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are over 100 Rhamnus species.

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